

Cross-Cutting Fundamental Strategy:

Expanding the Conversation on Environmentalism

#3 Improve Communication – EPA Region 6 plans to use color coding to better communicate information to the public regarding the environmental sampling results obtained during the Time Critical Removal Action and sampling conducted for the residential properties located in the adjacent to the San Jacinto Superfund study area. The color coding will communicate to the public the levels of contaminants found at the site in a manner that will show what risk those levels of exposure present to human health and the environment. To better communicate information to the public, EPA Region 6 has also established a web site where all the sampling results are made available to the public.

#10 Program Initiatives –

For the Old Esco site, EPA Region 6 used removal contractors to quickly start the cleanup activities at this site. Using the removal contractors expedited the start of a simple excavation and removal cleanup without having to use remedial contractors to do this work. This eliminated the need to conduct time consuming workplans for remedial design and remedial action. Using removal contractor resulted in completing site activities in approximately five (5) months that would have taken 12 to 18 months to complete. Using the removal contractors will result in achieving Construction Completion in FY2011 for the Old Esco site, one year ahead of schedule.

For the Gulfco site, EPA Region 6 worked closely with the PRPs to conduct an early action at the site by conducting a removal action that addressed risk to human health. Region 6 also worked with the PRPs to conduct a focused feasibility study (FS) that shorten the schedule for completing the FS by approximately six (6) months. By working closely with the PRPs, conducting early cleanup activities, and the focused FS, Region 6 will be able to achieved Construction Completion for the Gulfco site in FY2011, one year ahead of schedule.